

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTONY STITH,

1:05-CV-00023-AWI-WMW-P

Plaintiff,

vs.

HARRELL WATTS, et al.,

Defendants.

SECOND INFORMATIONAL ORDER,
MOTION TO DISMISS NOTICE, AND
SUMMARY JUDGMENT NOTICE

Plaintiff is proceeding in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Plaintiff has submitted the required USM-285 forms and a separate order transmits them to the United States Marshal for service of process. Parties to this litigation shall take note of the following requirements:

1. Defendants must reply to the complaint within the time provided by the applicable provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a).
2. Unless otherwise ordered, all motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions concerning discovery, motions pursuant to Rules 7, 11, 12, 15, 41, 55, 56, 59 and 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and motions pursuant to Local Rule 11-110 shall be briefed pursuant to Local Rule 78-230(m).
3. At some point in the litigation, defendants may file a motion to dismiss this

1 action on any number of grounds. Plaintiff is advised that he has the right to oppose the motion
2 in writing. Written oppositions must be filed not more than 18 days, plus 3 days for mailing,
3 after the date of service of the motion to dismiss. Local Rule 78-230(m) provides that the failure
4 to oppose a motion “may be deemed a waiver of any opposition to the granting of the
5 motion” This means that the court may deem plaintiff’s failure to oppose defendant’s
6 motion to dismiss as a waiver, and may recommend that the motion be granted on that basis.

7 4. At some point in the litigation, defendants may file a motion to dismiss for
8 failure to exhaust administrative remedies as to one or more claims in the complaint. The failure
9 to exhaust administrative remedies is subject to an unenumerated Rule 12(b) motion to dismiss.
10 Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d 1108, 1119 (9th Cir. 2003) (citing Ritza v. Int’l Longshoremen’s &
11 Warehousemen’s Union, 837 F.2d 365, 368 (9th Cir. 1988) (per curium)). “In deciding a motion
12 to dismiss for failure to exhaust nonjudicial remedies, the court may look beyond the pleadings
13 and decide disputed issues of fact.” Wyatt, 837 F.3d at 1119-20 (quoting Ritza, 837 F.2d at 368).
14 If the district court concludes that the prisoner has not exhausted administrative remedies, the
15 case will be dismissed without prejudice. Wyatt, 837 F.3d at 1120. This means that the case will
16 end. If plaintiff exhausts administrative remedies at a later date, he may file the case as a new
17 action.

18 If defendants make an unenumerated 12(b) motion to dismiss for failure to
19 exhaust administrative remedies, plaintiff may not simply rely on allegations in the complaint.
20 Instead, plaintiff must oppose the motion by setting forth specific facts in declaration(s) and other
21 evidence regarding the exhaustion of administrative remedies. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 43(e); Ritza v.
22 Int’l Longshoremen’s & Warehousemen’s Union, 837 F.2d 365, 369 (9th Cir. 1988). If plaintiff
23 does not submit his own evidence in opposition, the court may conclude that plaintiff has not
24 exhausted administrative remedies and the case will be dismissed.

25 5. At some point in the litigation, one or more defendants may move for summary
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1 judgment as to some or all of plaintiff's claims. Pursuant to Klinge v. Eikenberry, 849 F.2d
 2 409 (9th Cir. 1988) and Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998), plaintiff is advised of
 3 the following requirements for opposing a motion for summary judgment made by defendants
 4 pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Such a motion is a request for an
 5 order for judgment on some or all of plaintiff's claims in favor of defendants without trial. See
 6 Rule 56(b). Defendant(s)' motion will set forth the facts which defendants contend are not
 7 reasonably subject to dispute and that entitle defendant to judgment as a matter of law. See Rule
 8 56(c).

9 Plaintiff has the right to oppose a motion for summary judgment. To oppose the
 10 motion, plaintiff must show proof of his or her claims. Plaintiff may agree with the facts set
 11 forth in defendant(s)' motion but argue that defendant(s) are not entitled to judgment as a matter
 12 of law. Plaintiff may show defendant(s)' facts are disputed in one or more of the following ways:
 13 (1) Plaintiff may rely upon statements made under the penalty of perjury in the complaint if the
 14 complaint shows that plaintiff has personal knowledge of the matters stated and if plaintiff calls
 15 to the court's attention those parts of the complaint upon which plaintiff relies; (2) Plaintiff may
 16 also serve and file affidavits or declarations¹ setting forth the facts which plaintiff believes prove
 17 plaintiff's claims (the persons who sign the affidavit or declaration must have personal
 18 knowledge of the facts stated); (3) Plaintiff may also rely upon written records but plaintiff must
 19 prove that the records are what plaintiff claims they are²; (4) Plaintiff may also rely upon all or
 20 any part of the transcript of one or more depositions, answers to interrogatories, or admissions

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 22 ¹ An affidavit is a written declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or
 23 affirmation of the party making it, taken before an officer having authority to administer such oath. An unsworn
 24 declaration has the same effect as an affidavit, provided that it is dated and signed under penalty of perjury, as follows:
 "I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." 28 U.S.C. § 1746. Affidavits and declarations
 must be made on personal knowledge and must set forth facts as would be admissible in evidence. See Rule 56(e).

25 ² Sworn or certified copies of all papers referred to in an affidavit must be attached to the affidavit and served
 26 on the opposing party. Rule 56(e).

1 obtained in this proceeding. Should plaintiff fail to contradict defendants' motion with
2 affidavits, declarations, or other evidence, defendants' evidence will be taken as truth, and final
3 judgment may be entered without a full trial. See Rule 56(e).

4 If there is some good reason why such facts are not available to plaintiff when
5 required to oppose such a motion, the court will consider a request to postpone considering
6 defendant(s)' motion. See Rule 56(f). If plaintiff does not serve and file a request to postpone
7 consideration of defendant(s)' motion or written opposition to the motion, the court may consider
8 plaintiff's failure to act as a waiver of opposition to defendant(s)' motion. Plaintiff's waiver of
9 opposition to defendant(s)' motion may result in the entry of summary judgment against plaintiff.

10 6. A motion supported by affidavits or declarations that are unsigned will be
11 stricken.

12 7. The failure of any party to comply with this order, the Federal Rules of Civil
13 Procedure, or the Local Rules of Court, may result in the imposition of sanctions including, but
14 not limited to, dismissal of the action or entry of default.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 **Dated: June 16, 2005**
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/s/ William M. Wunderlich
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE